



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, January 14, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-0405)

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Call to Order. (13-0099)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 10, 2012. (13-0100)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 14, 2013 were approved.

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2. Discussion and approval of the Commission for Women's meeting schedule for 2013. (12-5792)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission for Women's meeting schedule for 2013 was approved.

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3. Discussion and approval to send interested Commissioners to attend the California Women's Policy Summit 2013 in Sacramento, California, scheduled for January 17, 2013; and also approve reimbursement cost of registration, meals and transportation allocated from the President's fund. (13-0109)

President Veda A. Ward, Ph.D. and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez expressed interest in attending the California Women's Policy Summit 2013 in Sacramento, California, scheduled for January 17, 2013.

On motion of Commissioner Alice Petrossian, seconded by Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, and unanimously carried, the cost for registration, meals and transportation will be reimbursed from the President's fund was approved.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding the political affiliation of presenters at the summit.

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4. Discussion on policy for generating letters by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women in support of events which are consistent with the policies of the Executive Office and the Board of Supervisors. (13-0330)

Commissioner Charlotte Lesser gave an overview of her experience on the policy of letters generated in past years to the Board of Supervisors. It is very difficult for the Commission for Women to be timely with an approval.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. clarified that as Commissioners are invited to participate in meetings and attend as a voice of the Commission, we need to be aware of the following:

- a) **We would have no formal written position on record to those organization; and**
- b) **If a voice was made by a Commissioner, it would have the voice of representing oneself, not the Commission, as a whole.**

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

5. Discussion of draft letter to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, regarding the Commission's desire to support the "One Billion Rising" Campaign to end violence against women and girls. (12-5825)

Commissioner Olivia R. Rodriguez recommended the approval of the draft letter to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Commission's desire to support the "One Billion Rising" Campaign to end violence against women and girls.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin suggested to include the V-Day slogan of "Strike, Dance, Rise" to the draft letter. Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission that the word act should replace with the word strike on the letter. President Veda E. Ward prefers to use sincerely yours in the complimentary close.

On motion of Commissioner Alice Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, and unanimously carried, the draft letter with corrections was approved.

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II. REPORTS

6. President's Report for December 2012. (13-0101)

President Veda E. Ward reported the following:

- a) Research and submission of support materials for Presidential Award nominee for 2013 Women of the Year Luncheon;**
- b) Telephone follow-up with Black Women's Health Coalition member, A. Jones;**
- c) Registered and completed travel arrangements for California Women's Policy Summit 2013 Conference on January 17, 2013 in Sacramento, California;**
- d) Followed-up with Women of the Year Ad Hoc Committee for leadership transition;**
- e) Attended community events on life transitions and immigration at Woodland Hills United Methodist Church for District 3;**

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- f) **Confirmed speaker for upcoming Women in Leisure Services event on global women's health initiatives; and**
 - g) **Informed various groups about the luncheon, pending availability of formal invitations.**

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7. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee meetings as submitted by Committee members:

Women of the Year

Public Relations and Social Media Committee

Economic Development Committee (12-5812)

President Veda E. Ward called on the reports of the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committee.

Women of the Year Luncheon Committee:

President Veda E. Ward thanked Vice President Becky A. Shevlin for stepping in as Chair of the Women of the Year Luncheon Committee.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin submitted the following report on the Women of the Year teleconference meeting of January 7, 2013:

- a) **All honoree bios have been received and are being reviewed by staff for inclusion to the Souvenir Program;**
- b) **All Press Releases, County Digest postings, and confirmation letters have been distributed;**
- c) **The Invitations have been reviewed and approved with some minor changes;**
- d) **Online Registration is now available and noted the cut-off date for registration, online and mail-in is March 4, 2013;**

- e) **QueensCare has confirmed as a Silver Sponsor for \$1,500. We are still awaiting responses from other major sponsors. Staff has been instructed to contact them again to see if the Commission can garner more interest. Honorees have been contacted and encouraged to purchase ads and tables to the luncheon.**
- f) **Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas, Zev Yaroslavsky and Michael D. Antonovich have confirmed attendance to the event. Awaiting responses from Supervisors Don Knabe and Gloria Molina;**
- g) **Committee members agreed to have in-kind donations as door prizes;**
- h) **The next teleconference meeting will be on February 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.**
- i) **The Women of the Year Committee, Public Relations and Social Media Committee will collaborate to ensure invitations are streamlined to reflect information contained on the Commission for Women's website, and communicate the Commission's mission statement "Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women". Additionally, transportation information and driving directions to the event is to be included as well as information regarding the cholarship program.**

Public Relations and Social Media Committee:

Commissioner Gerda Govine expressed with the absence of Commissioners Martha Escandon and Norma Gallegos, asked if other commissioners would be interested joining the committee. She requested staff Emma De Jesus to update the bios and pictures on the website this week.

Economic Development Committee:

There was no report to submit as Chair Martha Escandon resigned and the only member of the Committee Commissioner Reiko Duba was out of town. Due to Commissioner Escandon's resignation, President Veda E. Ward reaffirmed Commissioner Lesser's appointment as Treasurer and opened the position of Chair for the Economic Development Committee to the interested commissioners.

During discussion, Commissioners Lesser and Shevlin showed interest in the Committee.

President Veda E. Ward made a motion to appoint Becky A. Shevlin as the new Chair of the Economic Development Committee and Commissioner Lesser as an added member of the Committee.

Therefore, by common consent, there being no objection, Becky A. Shevlin was appointed as Chair of the Economic Development Committee and Commissioner Lesser was also appointed member of the Committee.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Commissioners' announcements for January 2013. (13-0102)

President Ward announced the Policy Summit will be held in Sacramento and requested input from Commissioners as to what can be included to her report.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian requested President Ward search within the Summit for quality speakers and invite them as speakers to the Commission for Women Scholarship event. Vice President Becky A. Shevlin requested the Commissioners viewpoint on the balance perspectives of the event.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on the Summit and asked the attendees to report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian suggested the awards committee look for an alternative venue for the Women of the Year Luncheon Committee event to seek a more affordable cost for the future, such as, Marriott, Sheraton or Hyatt Hotels in Downtown Los Angeles, other than the Biltmore Hotel.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser reported that the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) is having a Conference event on June 2013. She requested President Ward contact Susan Doty of ACCW to collaborate a project in exchange and in conjunction with their event. She requested a night event either in July or August. She also reported that Fourth District Supervisor, Don Knabe had nominated two (2) new

commissioners for the Commission for Women.

Commissioner Gerda Govine reported a Second District Conference and Workshop for Women's Health to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at University of Southern California where Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will be attending. She will also be attending the workshop and will report back at the next meeting.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin gave a comment on the website for Commission for Women Annual Retreat.

President Veda E. Ward reported that she attended an Autism Conference at California State University-Northridge (CSUN). She noted the underdiagnosed are K-12; and women account for 50% of those diagnosed with Autism after 12th grade. She concluded by stating this is a possible population of focus by the Commission as they look at future agenda items and initiatives.

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Matters Not Posted

- 9.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-0103)

There was none.

Public Comment

- 10.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-0104)

Ms. Pauline Field, Chair of 50/50 Leadership, a non-profit organization, whose goal is promoting women's equal leadership, shared an invitation flyer and brochure on the Women of the World Awards event to be held on March 10, 2013 at La Canada Flintridge Country Club.

Commissioner Alice Petrossian suggested inviting Ms. Field to the Commission for Women's Roundtable discussion in February 2013.

President Veda E. Ward thanked her for sharing the information.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on the following:

- a) She expressed delight in seeing information regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital's \$30M project on the County's website;
- b) Congress refused to renew the Violence Against Women Act;
- c) New PapSmear exam able to detect ovarian cancer and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is not successful in males; and
- d) Chinese maternity hotels - Article, Pasadena Star-News, Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, January 14, 2013. (13-0105)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.